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TAGS: CDES, FR (SEBASTIAN, FRANCES SMITH)
SUBJECT: DEATH OF FRANCES SMITH SEBASTIAN

TO: MRS. ROBERT A. SMITH
135 PENNSYLVANIA AVE
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT WE MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF YOUR DAUGHTER, FRANCES SMITH SEBASTIAN, MRS. DESJARDIN AND MR. LETELLIER (LOCAL UNDERTAKER) INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT PARIS ON MAY 27, 1977 OF HER DEATH ON MAY 26, 1977 IN SALPETRIERE HOSPITAL, PARIS.

2. YOUR DAUGHTER HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY MME DESJARDIN WHO GAVE US YOUR NAME AND WHO STATED THAT MRS. SEBASTIAN'S SISTER TOOK ALL OF HER PERSONAL EFFECTS TO THE STATES WHEN SHE LEFT LAST MONDAY.

3. THE EMBASSY WILL TAKE CHARGE OF HER REMAINING EFFECTS, WHICH ARE REPORTEDLY AT THE HOSPITAL, AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.

4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES UNCLASSIFIED

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LOCAL BURIAL OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER DEATH. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR DAUGHTER'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO NEW YORK WOULD COST \$2,900.00. CREMATION AND SHIPMENT REMAINS TO U.S. WOULD COST \$1,200.00.

IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS \$L,000.00.
THE COST OF CREMATION AND LOCAL BURIAL IS \$700.00.
ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE
FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

(A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO
AMERICAN EMBASSY, PARIS AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE
DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED
FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. IN-
CLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU
SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

(B) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIP-
PED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S.
FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR
YOU.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS
WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES
PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS WILL BE
REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT
YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON
COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE
REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FOR-
WARDED TO YOU.

7. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION
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OF THIS POST BY PHONING 265-7400 IN PARIS.

8. BE ASSURED OF OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR
BEREAVEMENT.
AMERICAN EMBASSY
PARIS, FRANCE
GAMMON

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